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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - NEW ADMINISTRATION'S  
FOREIGN POLICY

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Tuesday morning papers gave front-page  
play to President Obama's address on Monday on his  
environmental policy.

¶2. "Obama Diplomacy Should Ensure Both Principles and  
Fight against Terrorism" The conservative Sankei  
editorialized (1/27): "President Obama signed an  
executive order to close the detention facilities at  
Guantanamo Bay Naval Base within a year... After  
signing the executive order, the President stressed:  
'The U.S. will not torture. We will show our leadership  
to the world by putting our principles in practice.' It  
is clear that military power is not sufficient to fight  
against terrorism. The law-abiding spirit and moral  
persuasion are also important. We welcome the new  
administration's efforts to regain confidence in U.S.  
diplomacy. However, we should not forget that many  
difficulties lie ahead for the U.S. to realize its  
diplomatic goals... We hope that the Obama  
administration, which advocates using 'smart power,'  
will try to prevent terrorism while restoring its  
principles through its cooperation with the  
international community."

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